

Longboat medal for the most outstanding Indian Athlete in Alberta.

Father Fox will be living on a much different plane than that of his tribe. He realizes the work that has to be done.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep, And miles to go,
before I sleep—

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FATHER FOX VISITS DUCK LAKE

by Mrs. B. G. BROWN

On March 17, 1963, in the chapel of St. Michael's Residential School here High Mass was sung by Rev. Father M. Fox, first Treaty Indian in Western Canada to be ordained a priest.

Father Fox is from the Blood Indian Reserve near Cardston, Alberta, where he was ordained February 23.

Father Anthony DUHAIME, principal, knew Father Fox at Cardston IRS when, as a youngster he began his studies there.

The chapel was filled to capacity. The school choir directed by Rev. Father G. GAUTHIER, sang. Father DUHAIME welcomed Fr. Fox; recalling memories of the lad he had greeted at Cardston years ago, depicting him as a normal boy, not liking school but loving horses and sports! But also a boy who planned and realized his plans. Father stressed that vocation to the priesthood is given by God to all nations. What he has given to a Blood Indian, He certainly gives too to Cree Indians.

After Mass Fr. Fox blessed those who had attended; later in the forenoon he blessed the staff and over 200 children at the school.

The school's choir members went to St. Michael's church on Beady's Reserve to sing a second High Mass where Fr. Fox officiated with Fr. GAUTHIER, pastor, as deacon and Fr. DUHAIME as sub-deacon.

Fr. GAUTHIER welcomed the new priest for coming and Father DUHAIME preached again on vocations. He said that if, 85 years ago, Father A. LACOMBE, then missionary and pioneer among the Blood Indians, had been told that one day a Blood Indian would sing Mass for the Cree Indians (who were at that time their deadly enemies) he would not have believed him, yet, today this was taking place.

After Mass. newly-elected Chief J. Gamble presented the young visiting priest with a gift from the Cree Indians of Beady's Reserve. Fr. Fox thanked the Chief, stressing the need of Indian vocation; to the priesthood and the sisterhood. Then he gave his priestly blessing to Chief Gamble, the altar boys and the entire congregation.

Returning to St. Michael's school Fr. Fox was guest of the staff, Chief Gamble and pupils at a banquet.

Chief Gamble, in a short address in Cree, urged the boys to be alert to God's call if addressed to them and to be as generous in their answer as this young priest had been. He urged them to look upon Fr. Fox as a fine example for them to follow.

Fr. Fox then returned to Battleford, Sask., to complete his last year of Seminary.

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